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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHINJI NAGASHIMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: TADESSE, YEWEBDAR  
SERIAL NO: 10/774,423 :  
FILED: FEBRUARY 10, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1792  
FOR: HARDENING PROCESSING :  
APPARATUS, HARDENING  
PROCESSING METHOD, AND COATING  
FILM FORMING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.